

Proposal to Invest in Infrastructure Building

372. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry and the Minister of Civil Aviation together planning to invest Rs. 4 lakh crores in building the infrastructure of the country over the next five years;

(b) if so, the details of this ambitious plan;

(c) what is the share of his Ministry in the total expenditure;

(d) how the Ministry is planning to pool the resources for this mega plan;

(e) whether it is also a fact that this plan includes a dedicated freight corridor; and

(f) if so, the details of blueprint of the proposed freight corridor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Investment in infrastructure is an ongoing process. There is, however, no joint plan of Ministry of Railways with the Ministry of Civil Aviation for infrastructure building over the next five years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) The Railways plan to construct Dedicated Freight Corridors on the Western Corridor (from Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai to Tughlakabad and Dadri *via* Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Palanpur and Rewari) and Eastern Corridor (from Ludhiana to Sonnagar *via* Khurja and Mughalsarai) in phase I followed by extension to deep sea port in Kolkata area.

Discontinuing Kerala bound trains

373. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to discontinue Swarna Jayanti Express and Millennium Express, two Kerala bound weekly trains from Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have proposal to increase the frequency of other trains such as Rajdhani Express/Sampark Kranti Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal.

Rail projects in Andhra Pradesh

374. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rail line doubling/electrification works, new lines sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh under the golden quadrilateral project, indicating the length of rail lines and the estimated cost of each work;

(b) the details of the progress made, so far, on these works; and

(c) the time likely to be taken to complete these works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Some of the projects have been identified for strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral and its Diagonals under National Rail Vikas Yojana. The details of sanctioned doubling/electrification works failing in Andhra Pradesh which are included in this Yojana are as under:—

Name of Project	Length (in Km.)	Estimated cost (Rs. in crore)	Current status/Target Date for completion, wherever fixed
DOUBLING			
1	2	3	4
Raichur-Guntakal	81.10	145.81	The project is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) through Asian Development Bank (ADB) funding. Final Location Survey completed. Land acquisition taken up. Tenders have been processed. The project is targeted for completion by 2007-08.